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World Tour Finals  
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To: BWF Member Associations

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Dear Friends,

We are very pleased to provide information to your Member Association with regards to the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2020 taking place in Bangkok, Thailand in January 2021. The information is particularly relevant for players from your Member Association should they qualify for the finals from the HSBC BWF World Tour rankings.

The finals will be held at the Impact Arena, Bangkok, Thailand from Wednesday 27 January 2021 to Sunday 31 January 2021.

Please find enclosed information on the host organiser, the city and event logistics.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Tarcala'.

Peter Tarcala  
Chair  
Events Committee

<b>1. GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>HOST</b>	The Badminton Association of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King. Badminton Association of Thailand Building Wuttayu-Sarasin Road, Lumpinee Park Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand Tel: +66 2 2553391 Fax: +662 2553392 Email: <a href="mailto:thailandopen.bat@gmail.com">thailandopen.bat@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.badmintonthai.or.th">www.badmintonthai.or.th</a>
<b>DATE OF TOURNAMENT</b>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2021
<b>VENUE</b>	Impact Arena 47/569-576 Popular 3 Road, Banmai Sub-district, Pakkred District, Nonthaburi, Thailand 11120
<b>USEFUL CONTACTS</b>	Badminton Association of Thailand President: Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul Email: <a href="mailto:khunyingpatama@bwfbadminton.org">khunyingpatama@bwfbadminton.org</a>  Tournament Director: Lt Col Ruj Saeng-Udom Email: <a href="mailto:ruj.sat@hotmail.com">ruj.sat@hotmail.com</a>  Deputy Tournament Director: Paisan Rangsitkitho Email: <a href="mailto:paisanr@gmail.com">paisanr@gmail.com</a>  Championships Office Assistant: (Ms) Pornpawee Anantakitpaisal Email : <a href="mailto:pornpawee.anan@gmail.com">pornpawee.anan@gmail.com</a>
<b>INSURANCE COVERAGE</b>	Players and all members of the national delegation shall hold valid insurance for damages of any nature caused to third parties. Such insurance shall cover bodily injury, including medical and hospitalisation expenses incurred in the host country, as well as all expenses and costs associated to repatriating the injured party to its country of residence.  It is mandatory for all visitors to Thailand to show proof of a COVID-19 insurance policy of up to USD100,000 coverage. This insurance policy will be provided by Badminton Association of Thailand free of charge to all players and team officials.
<b>INDEMNITY</b>	To the extent permitted by applicable law, all players and members of the national delegation shall release the BWF, the Tournament Organiser, and their respective officers, officials, employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, damage, loss, cost or expense that such players and members of the national delegation may incur as a result or in connection with their participation in the Tournament.
<b>PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR USE OF</b>	Players and all members of the national delegation shall agree to give the BWF and the Tournament Organiser full television and motion picture rights, including permission to film players and members of the national delegation during all matches and activities around the Tournament, for

<b>PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS</b>	any commercial, news or other purpose together with the right to transfer such right, including without compensation.
<b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>	<p>The Event will be conducted under the Laws of Badminton, BWF General Competition Regulations and BWF World Tour Regulations.</p> <p>Do note that this tournament will strictly enforce the Clothing, Equipment, and Advertising Regulations as outlined in the BWF GCR 20 – 24. This includes restrictions of certain colours for shirts, shorts, and skirts to avoid issues with virtual advertising on TV courts, as per GCR 21.7.</p>
<b>DISPUTES</b>	In matters involving disputes over the play throughout the Finals, the Referee's decisions will be final.
<b>QUALIFICATION PROCESS AND CONDITION OF ENTRY TO THE FINALS</b>	<p>The top 8 men Players, 8 women Players, 8 men's doubles, 8 women's doubles and 8 mixed doubles pairs in the HSBC BWF Road to Bangkok Ranking will be invited to compete in the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals Bangkok 2020 where only a maximum of 2 players/pairs per Member Association is eligible to participate in the Finals.</p> <p>For the purpose of the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals Bangkok 2020 only, the wild cards entry rule for Olympic champions in 2020 will not apply.</p> <p>The Tournaments under the HSBC BWF Road to Bangkok Finals 2020 Ranking are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ECOGREEN Syed Modi International Badminton Championships 2019</b></li> <li>• PERODUA Malaysia Masters 2020</li> <li>• DAIHATSU Indonesia Masters 2020</li> <li>• Princess Sirivannavari Thailand Masters 2020</li> <li>• Barcelona Spain Masters 2020</li> <li>• YONEX All England Open 2020</li> <li>• DANISA Denmark Open 2020</li> <li>• YONEX Thailand Open 2021</li> <li>• TOYOTAL Thailand Open 2021</li> </ul> <p><b>It is mandatory to enter both the YONEX Thailand Open 2021 and TOYOTA Thailand Open 2021 in order to be eligible to qualify for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals on 27-31 Jan 2021.</b></p>
<b>ENTRIES TIMELINE:</b>	<p>Invitation of entry: Sunday 24 January 2021, after the conclusion of the finals of the TOYOTA Thailand Open 2021</p> <p>Acceptance of entry: Monday 25 January 2021 12:00 PM (GMT +08:00)</p>
<b>TECHNICAL OFFICIALS</b>	<p>Referee: Nicos Vladimirov (CYP) Email: <a href="mailto:nicosv@primehome.com">nicosv@primehome.com</a></p> <p>Deputy Referee: Ivanka Pokorni (CRO) Email: <a href="mailto:ivpokorni@gmail.com">ivpokorni@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Local Deputy Referee: Nahathai Sornprachum (THA) Email: <a href="mailto:sornprachum@gmail.com">sornprachum@gmail.com</a></p>



<b>SEEDING DATES</b>	Seeding Date: Tuesday 26 January 2021
<b>DRAWS</b>	<p><u>Group Stage Draw</u> Date: Tuesday, 26 January 2021</p> <p>Time: 10:30*</p> <p>Location: Impact Arena</p> <p><u>Knock Out Stage Draw</u> Date: Friday, 29 January 2021</p> <p>Time: immediately after the conclusion of the group stages on Friday 29 January 2021</p> <p>Location: Impact Arena</p>
<b>TEAM MANAGERS' MEETING</b>	<p>Date: Tuesday, 26 January</p> <p>Time: 15:00</p> <p>Location: Impact Arena</p>
<b>TECHNICAL OFFICIALS' / UMPIRES' BRIEFING</b>	<p>Date: Tuesday, 26 January</p> <p>Time: 20:00</p> <p>Location: Impact Arena</p>
<b>PRACTICE</b>	<p>Practice courts will be available from Monday 25 January 2020 at the practice hall, warm up hall and competition hall. Please see tournament schedule below for the timing schedule of practice at each hall</p> <p>Practice Hall: 6 courts</p> <p>Warm up Hall: 2 Courts</p> <p>Competition Hall: 2 Courts</p> <p>Practice requests to be submitted online. Details for submission will be provided later. Each player will receive three shuttlecocks for the practice sessions. These can be collected at the reception of the practice courts.</p>
<b>INSTANT REVIEW SYSTEM</b>	The Instant Review System (IRS) will available on the both TV Courts throughout the tournament, and is regulated as per BWF Statute 4.1.8.

<p><b>MEDICAL, PHYSIOTHERAPY AND ANTI- DOPING</b></p>	<p>There will be doctors and a medical team in attendance at the tournament and a physiotherapy service will be available free of charge for players.</p> <p>Doping control in badminton, in accordance with BWF Anti-Doping Regulations, is conducted out-of-competition and in-competition with the collection of urine and/or blood samples.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible for any substance found in their body. Before an athlete takes any medication, they should check with their doctor, and if necessary, get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).</p> <p>For more information about anti-doping, please visit the BWF website: <a href="https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/">https://corporate.bwfbadminton.com/integrity/anti-doping-overview/</a></p>
<p><b>PRESENTATION CEREMONIES</b></p>	<p>All prize ceremonies will take place on Sunday, 31 January 2021 immediately after the conclusion of each final. Medals/trophies/other will be presented to all champions and finalists.</p> <p>In accordance with Player Commitment Regulations (BWF Statue 5.3.6), all players participating in the finals of a tournament must attend the final ceremonies directly after the match or must follow the instructions given by the organisers regarding ceremony protocol and COVID-19 safety measures.</p> <p>Only finalists, prize presenters and authorized persons are allowed on the field of play during the prize presentation ceremony. No equipment, including rackets and flags, and family member and coaches are allowed to be brought/accompany the players onto the podium. Clothing worn during the ceremony must be in accordance with the BWF GCR.</p>
<p><b>PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO- RECORDING</b></p>	<p>Photography is not permitted within the competition venue at any time, and the tournament reserves the right to remove any items of equipment breaching this policy.</p> <p>Video recording within the competition venue is not permitted. The organisers will record all matches and teams can make a request to obtain this footage for the purposes of match preparation and analysis. Video footage captured must be used solely for training purposes by the Member Association and its coaching staff. Member Associations may be liable to any costs incurred by BWF if video footage is used for any other purpose.</p> <p>The tournament reserves the right to remove any non-accredited items of equipment.</p>
<p><b>PRIZE MONEY</b></p>	<p>Total Prize Money of USD 1,500,000 Plates and medals will be awarded to all winners and runners-up.</p>

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Day and time	Activity	Venue
<b>Monday 25 January</b>		
9:00 to 21:00	Practice in Practice Hall (6 Courts)	Hall 5, Impact Arena Exhibition and Convention Centre
9:00 to 21:00	Practice in Warm up Hall (2 Courts)	Impact Arena, Bangkok, Thailand
12:00 to 21:00	Practice in Competition Hall on competition courts (2 Courts)	Impact Arena, Bangkok, Thailand
<b>Tuesday 26 January</b>		
9:00 to 21:00	Official venue practice Competition Hall Warm Up Hall Practice Hall	Impact Arena, Bangkok, Thailand & Hall 5, Impact Arena Exhibition and Convention Centre
10:30	Group Stage Draw Ceremony	Impact Arena
15:00	Team Managers' Meeting	Impact Arena
<b>Wednesday 27 January – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Competition</b>		
9:00 – 21:00	Practice in Practice Hall	Hall 5, Impact Arena Exhibition and Convention Centre
8:30 – 10:00	Practice in Competition Hall (FOP)	Impact Arena, Bangkok, Thailand
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Group Matches</b>	<b>Televised</b>
11:00 – 21:00	10 matches	Court 1
	10 matches	Court 2
<b>Thursday 28 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Competition</b>		
9:00 – 21:00	Practice in Practice Hall	Practice Hall TBC
8:30 – 10:00	Practice in Competition Hall (FOP)	Competition hall
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Group Matches</b>	<b>Televised</b>
11:00 – 21:00	10 matches	Court 1
	10 matches	Court 2



<b>Friday 29 January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Competition</b>		
9:00 – 21:00	Practice in Practice Hall	Practice Hall TBC
8:30 – 10:00	Practice in Competition Hall (FOP)	Competition hall
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Group Matches</b>	<b>Televised</b>
11:00 – 21:00	10 matches	Court 1
	10 matches	Court 2
End of Play	Knock out Draw	Impact Arena
<b>Saturday 30 January – 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Competition</b>		
9:00 – 17:00	Practice in Practice Hall	Practice Hall TBC
7:30 – 9:00	Practice in Competition Hall (FOP)	Competition hall
<b>Session 7</b>	<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>Televised</b>
10: 00 – 15: 00	5 matches	Court 1
<b>Session 8</b>	<b>Semi-Finals</b>	<b>Televised</b>
17: 00 – 22: 00	5 matches	Court 1
<b>Sunday 31 January – 5<sup>th</sup> Day of Competition</b>		
8:00 to 10:00	Practice in Competition Hall (FOP)	Competition hall (1 court) and warm up court (2 courts)
<b>Session 9</b>	<b>Finals</b>	<b>TV World Feed</b>
13: 00 – 18: 00	5 matches (prize ceremony follow by end of each match)	Court 1

**\*Timing to be finalized and updated**

## 2. ARRIVAL, ACCREDITATION, VISA, HOTELS, FLIGHTS AND TRANSPORT

### ACCREDITATION

Access to Tournament venues and other services is provided through personalised and photographic accreditation.

Qualified Players and their team officials will be issued a new set of accreditation for the Finals and the accreditation passes used in Yonex Thailand Open and Toyota Thailand Open are not valid for use during the Finals.

**NOTE: Accreditation will only be issued after a player/entourage/official tests negative for COVID-19 during the week of TOYOTA Thailand Open.**

All qualified players and their team entourage do not need to submit their details again as their details will already have to be submitted by 8 December 2020.

However, the number of complimentary accreditation passes available for Team Officials is dependent on the number of competing player from the same Member Association:

Number of Member Association Players	Number of Team Officials Accreditations
Three or less	1
Four to Seven	2
Eight to 15	3
16 or more	4

A limited number of additional accreditation passes for approved Team Officials will be available for purchase at a fee of USD\$150, charged to the respective Member Association, and payable at the tournament.

The fee to replace any lost or damaged accreditation passes will be USD\$100 on each occasion, charged to the respective Member Association.

The tournament reserves the right to refuse entry into any accredited venue or area or service (e.g. transportation) as a result of damaged or missing accreditation or if a player/official/volunteer/staff refuse to take a COVID-19 test when requested or if there is a serious breach of COVID-19 safety measures or any other breach of regulations.

The fraudulent use of accreditation is strictly prohibited, and will result in access rights being removed, and penalties being applied.

<b>ARRIVAL</b>	<p>As It is mandatory to enter both the YONEX Thailand Open and TOYOTA Thailand Open in order to be eligible to qualify for the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals, <b>all players/entourage/officials must arrive in Thailand on 4 January 2021 before 12 noon to be considered as Day One of the quarantine.</b></p> <p><b>Players/entourage/officials arriving after 12 noon, the next day will be considered as Day One.</b></p>
<b>VISA AND CONDITION OF ENTRY</b>	<p>As potential participants are required to arrive for the two Thailand Opens, the VISA application follows the details stated within the Prospectus for YONEX Thailand Open and TOYOTA Thailand Open.</p> <p>The following are details for quick reference:</p> <p>If a visa is required to enter Thailand, we can provide a letter of invitation to assist with your application. Submit your visa support request as soon as possible.</p> <p><b>Please observe this deadline as more time is required to process visa applications due to COVID-19 protocols.</b></p> <p>It is a condition of entry into Thailand that all participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be subjected to 14-day quarantine period. However, after the first 7 days, players and officials can participate in the YONEX Thailand Open but without spectators. <b>There is no additional quarantine days/measures required for participants from high risk COVID-19 countries.</b></li> <li>• Present a negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate on arrival. This result must be obtained 72 hours prior to <b>departing for</b> Thailand.</li> <li>• undergo the COVID-19 test upon arrival in Thailand.</li> <li>• provide a Certificate of Entry and valid visa, where applicable.</li> </ul> <p><b>All players/entourage/officials must arrive in Thailand on Jan 4 before 12 noon to be considered as Day One of the quarantine. Players/entourage/officials arriving after 12 noon, the next day will be considered as Day One.</b></p> <p><b>Players/entourage/officials can arrive earlier than 4 Jan 2021 if this would help with their travel and COVID-19 testing schedule. The earliest date to arrive in Bangkok is 1 Jan 2021. However, the below conditions apply:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Day 0 of the official quarantine process will still be counted from 4 Jan 2021.</b></li> <li>• <b>If a participant arrives on Jan 1, he/she will be</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b>tested for COVID-19 on arrival, and again on 4 January 2021,</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The participant MUST stay in the room until the test result is obtained from the 4 January 2021 COVID-19 test. Example: If arrive on 1 January 2021, the participant cannot practice or leave the room until a negative test result is obtained from the Jan 4 COVID-19 test.</b></li> <li>• <b>BAT will cover the accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner costs for the player only. Entourage and officials bear the cost themselves.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Participants from high risk COVID-19 countries are not required to arrive earlier than 4 January 2021.</b></p> <p>Further tests will be arranged throughout the duration of both tournaments. All tests are mandatory.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association will only communicate with a Member Association, and the hosting Member Association will only provide a visa support letter if the form is completed accurately and comprehensively, and supporting documentation is provided, where requested.</p> <p>The tournament host and hosting Member Association accepts no responsibility for withdrawals made due to late or refused visa applications.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the Member Association to apply for the necessary visas in sufficient time, and all matters should be directed to the Embassy in charge.</p> <p>Any visa support letter issued by the tournament host does not guarantee entry into Thailand; the final decision is made by the Government of Thailand.</p>
<p><b>HOTELS</b></p>	<p>Due to COVID-19 safety measures, all players/entourage/officials MUST stay at the official hotel.</p> <p><b>Official Hotel:</b></p> <p>Novotel Bangkok IMPACT 94 Popular Road Banmai Sub-district, Pakkret District, 11120 Nonthaburi</p> <p><b>Room Rates:</b></p> <p>Twin Room (Rates are based on per room/per night and Inclusive of breakfast) USD 180, inclusive of fees*</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BWF will cover the hotel accommodation for confirmed qualified players during the event in single occupancy rooms. The hotel booking dates are: check in on 25 January and check out on 1 February 2021.</li> <li>• Please note that Member Associations must pay for Coaches and other team support members. Please proceed to the tournament help desk to extend the room.</li> </ul> <p><b>The hotel will be closed to other visitors during the quarantine period. Due to COVID-10 safety measures, all players/entourages/officials MUST stay at the official hotel.</b></p>
<b>FLIGHTS</b>	<p>Players who qualified for the Finals will have their flight cost reimbursed to them. Please send receipt of air ticket purchase to <a href="mailto:w.koh@bwfbadminton.org">w.koh@bwfbadminton.org</a> for processing after the tournament.</p>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<p>Complimentary transportation will be provided by the tournament between the official venues: competition venue, official hotel(s), practice venue (if separate from the competition venue), and the following transportation hubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suvarnabhumi Airport /Donmueang Airport</li> </ul> <p>Separate transport will be provided for each team from airport to official hotel.</p> <p>To request transportation, please complete and return the Transportation Request Form by 15 December 2020.</p> <p>Please send transport request to <a href="mailto:thailandopen.bat@gmail.com">thailandopen.bat@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>PLAYER MEDIA OBLIGATIONS</b>	<p>It is a condition of entry into BWF sanctioned tournaments that each player, if requested by the BWF, host organiser, or other tournament official, is required to undertake a range of media activities. Please refer to the BWF Player Commitment Regulations for more information (BWF Statute 5.3.6).</p> <p>BWF and host will put in place Covid-19 safe distancing measures to ensure the safety of players while they are fulfilling the media obligations.</p> <p>Member Associations should be prepared to facilitate the attendance of their player(s), if requested.</p>
<b>MEDIA DAY</b>	<p>In order to promote badminton, the players and the HSBC BWF World Tour Finals to the widest possible global audience, Tuesday, 26 January 2021 has been designated as a Media Day and we request all players' support and help with this endeavour. This activity will be organized and controlled by BWF and interviews will be scheduled to take place immediately after practice in a safe environment.</p>

<p><b>TEAM ACCOMPANYING MEDIA PERSONNAL</b></p>	<p>Due to COVID-19 safety measures, access for photographers, Rights Holding Broadcasters (RHB), Host Broadcaster (HB), Non Rights Holding Broadcasters (NRH) and journalists wishing to take photographs and conduct interviews with players will be restricted. All interviews for non-BWF approved media will be done online.</p> <p>Only BWF and BAT appointed photographers will be allowed on the Field of Play to take photographs.</p> <p>Team Media wishing to attend this tournament may contact the following for more details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lloyd Green, BWF Communications Manager @ <a href="mailto:l.green@bwfbadminton.org">l.green@bwfbadminton.org</a></li> <li>• Paisan Rangsitpho, Deputy Tournament Director @ <a href="mailto:paisanr@gmail.com">paisanr@gmail.com</a></li> <li>• Pornpawee Anantakitpaisal @ <a href="mailto:pornpawee.anan@gmail.com">pornpawee.anan@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>3. EVENT INFORMATION</b></p>	
<p><b>COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES</b></p>	<p><u><b>Quarantine</b></u></p> <p>Upon arrival in Thailand, teams will be transported to Official Hotel and undergo COVID-19 test, and fullfil 14-day quarantine.</p> <p><b>There is no additional quarantine days/measures required for participants from high risk COVID-19 countries.</b></p> <p>Each team will be provided with their own transportation.</p> <p>The hotel will be closed to other visitors during the quarantine period.</p> <p>During the 14-day quarantine period, athletes and entourage can practice and use the recreational facilities in compliance with the given schedule. Athletes and entourage cannot go outside the "Bubble" during the quarantine period. However, they don't have to stay inside their room all the time while observing the quarantine period.</p> <p>There will also be a schedule for each team to use the recreational/practice facilities. Only athletes and entourage from the same country can go to the recreational area at the allocated time.</p> <p>For teams with one or very few players, they can choose to train together provided the teams concerned agree to the request.</p> <p>During the quarantine 14-day quarantine period at the Official Hotel, Badminton Thailand will provide free accommodation on single room basis, breakfast, lunch and dinner for players only.</p>

	<p><b>COVID-19 Tests:</b></p> <p>It is a mandatory requirement to provide a negative test result for COVID-19 for entry into Thailand. There will also be several PCR Tests conducted upon arrival and during the quarantine and tournament dates. These are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-departure negative test result certificate – 72 hours <b>before departing</b> for Thailand – this test is to be done at team’s own cost</li> <li>• 1x upon arrival at the airport/hotel</li> <li>• 1x during quarantine Week 1</li> <li>• 2x during tournament #1</li> <li>• 2x during tournament #2</li> <li>• 1x before leaving the tournament</li> </ul> <p><b>For all other tests, further details will be sent to all Member Associations</b></p> <p><b>Management of COVID-19 positive case</b></p> <p>In case of infection, the Badminton Association of Thailand (BAT) will follow the protocols given by Thailand’s Health Ministry and in consultation with BWF.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Protocol Briefing</b></p>	<p>The COVID-19 Protocol will be adhered throughout from YONEX Thailand Open, TOYOTA Thailand Open and HSBC BWF World Tour Finals – Bangkok.</p> <p>A special briefing on COVID-19 protocols will be held on 7 January 2021 at 0900 HRS for all team managers. Attendance is mandatory and venue to be confirmed.</p>